

1,800 individuals to 8,200, its budget increased, and it established regional councils. Additionally, the Massachusetts chapter was the first in the nation to start a committee on Ethnic and Racial Affairs and a committee on lesbian/gay/bi-sexual/transgender issues. The Massachusetts Chapter was also the first to launch a Social Work Therapy Referral Service, a free clinical consultation service, and a member-to-member supervision program.

Dr. Brill's belief in the importance of social workers' active involvement in civic affairs led to the growth of social work's visibility in the advocacy world, the State Legislature, and the State administration. Dr. Brill was a founder of the Massachusetts Human Services Coalition, a major advocacy organization for more funding for human services, and she currently serves as its vice president. Dr. Brill also serves as treasurer of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, an organization which fights for fairer taxation in Massachusetts, and is co-chair of the Committee to Save the Department of Social Services and Our Children.

Dr. Brill's expertise in social work ethics made her a national expert on the subject. She has been a keynote presenter, workshop leader, or panelist around the country. Dr. Brill has also provided consultation and organized in-service training courses on a variety of issues for several agencies in New England such as the Salvation Army and the Boston Public Schools.

Dr. Brill's commitment to the field of social work and the people of Massachusetts has been remarkable. Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Dr. Brill for all that she has accomplished and in wishing her the best during retirement.

RECOGNITION OF THE J.M. SMUCKER COMPANY

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the J.M. Smucker Company. The Ohio-based Smucker Company was recently ranked number one on Fortune Magazine's annual "Top 100 Companies to Work For" list.

Founded in 1897 in Orrville, Ohio, Smucker sold its first product—apple butter—from the back of a horse drawn wagon. Today, the company is the market leader for an array of fruit spreads, toppings, beverages and natural foods. Smucker employs some 2,430 people in the U.S. and maintains 12 manufacturing plants worldwide.

Since its inception in 1897, the Smucker Company has grown to earn a national reputation as a premier and model employer. Sustaining job security and stability for employees even through difficult economic times has been a recurring theme in the company's success. In fact, Smucker has never resorted to layoffs to cope with a lagging economy. Still, Smucker continues to enjoy great success. Sales for the company are up 91 percent from last year alone.

I applaud the J.M. Smucker Company for this recognition as an exemplary employer and I wish it continued growth and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO DIANA POULTON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an individual who has been a tireless supporter of education in my congressional district. My congressional district has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live. Diana Poulton is one of these individuals.

Over the last four years, Diana has been actively involved with the Science and Technology Education Partnership (STEP), a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring students to pursue science and technology careers. As the Honorary Chairman of STEP, I have witnessed first-hand Diana's deep commitment and dedication to building a brighter future for students in the Inland Empire.

The flagship program for STEP is the annual STEP Conference, which hosts thousands of 4th through 8th grade students at a fun-filled learning event dedicated to the exciting world of science and technology. This conference puts thousands of students in contact with some of the top science and technology companies and organizations, which they might otherwise never experience in their school career. With the increasing demands for science and technology workers and the diminished supply in our region, the STEP Conference is one of the largest in California and serves as a spark to ignite the imagination of young minds.

This successful conference takes a great amount of time and energy to plan and Diana is an integral part in the planning and execution of the event. It is not uncommon for her to work after-hours to ensure the conference will be a success. Not only is she an inspiration to the students but also to the volunteers who know they can count on her to answer their questions or help them in any way. Diana serves a vital role to the STEP organization and I commend her commitment to STEP, students and education. As a member of the Science Committee, I am thankful for people like Diana Poulton because she sets an example that will serve as a guiding light for others in the future.

Diana's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the Inland Empire in Southern California. She is part of the heart and soul of STEP and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend.

HONORING THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Rutherford County, Tennessee, Chamber of Commerce, an organization that has helped my home country to be one of the best places in America to live.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce and former board director, I know firsthand that the chamber can take a lot of credit for the quality of life we now enjoy in Rutherford County. Residents have an opportunity to work at good jobs and send their children to some of the best schools in the Nation, not to mention enjoy all the recreational venues in the area. The chamber's economic development efforts have paid big dividends to the county. And the chamber's advocacy for the business community has been a positive influence in the Tennessee Legislature and has helped me in my legislative efforts in Congress.

The Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce is fortunate to have had so many strong, visionary members in its ranks. Through their leadership and hard work, they have been able to attract top-notch companies to the area. Nissan, for example, is located in Rutherford County. As the largest automaker in the world under one roof, Nissan not only provided thousands of good-paying jobs to the people of Rutherford County, but it also brought countless businesses that supply the automaker with a variety of parts and services.

Through a unique public and private partnership, the Rutherford County of Chamber of Commerce has become one of the best community advocates in the Nation. As the chamber celebrates its 75 years of existence, I commend the organization for all it has done to make Rutherford County such a desirable place to live and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING THE TEMECULA CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM FOR ITS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise the people of the City of Temecula, who are doing their duty, as citizens, public servants, and elected officials, to make our homes and communities more secure. They have accomplished this through the Temecula Citizen Corps—an innovative new program that was inspired by President George Bush's 2002 State of the Union address. Two years ago, President Bush asked communities to take greater responsibility for their own emergency preparedness. The City of Temecula took this charge to heart and began building what has become a model program for local level homeland security concerns.

The Temecula Citizen Corps program coordinates the efforts of private citizens, neighborhood leaders, public safety agencies, and city officials, to enhance emergency and disaster preparedness. It has trained representatives from each neighborhood in the city on emergency notification methods, damage assessment, and special needs of community residents. It has also trained citizens in first aid, crime prevention, and neighborhood safety.

The program is designed to meet one of the critical homeland security needs: citizen self-sufficiency and self-reliance. In the immediate 72 hours following a disaster, emergency